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1. With the arrival in Tirana of the Soviet military mission, headed by General Feodor Artemovic-Kovpak, the following stipulations were placed before the Central Committee of the Albanian Communist Party:
 - a. Discontinue economic relations and the customs alliance previously established with Yugoslavia.
 - b. Develop, on Albanian territory, a movement for action directed at Yugoslavia to be carried out in the Metohija and Kosovo area (where an Albanian minority resides). Soviet authorities allegedly plan for this Yugoslav area to be given to Albania as "territorial compensation when the new maps of the Balkans" are drawn.
 - c. Improve and widen the port of Drac, under the supervision of Soviet specialists, so that it will become a naval base. The ships which Italy will furnish as reparations, and which would carry the Soviet flag will use this base.
2. Because of the above stipulations, particularly those concerning the economic relations with Yugoslavia, a split occurred in the Central Committee of the Albanian Communist Party. As a result, the following are among those who were expelled from the Party and arrested:
 - a. Former Party secretary Koci Xoxe, former Minister of Internal Affairs and general of the Albanian Army.
 - b. Pandit Kristo, a member of the Central Committee and former minister in the Albanian Government.
 - c. Nuri Hutta, former Albanian delegate on the Balkan Commission, and a member of the Central Committee.
3. Of the foreign minority members of the Communist Party, the following have been arrested as collaborators:
 - a. Milos Sabilovic, Neli Sejdikovic, Rivat Sejdikovic.

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- b. A group of 50 members of a Yugoslav-Albanian friendship society.
- c. A group of 13 members of the Communist Party succeeded in escaping to Italy by boat, and another group of 50 members escaped to Yugoslavia.
- 4. In Tirana, a secret "Kosovo committee" was formed to act as the "guiding spirit" in the fight for action on the Metohija-Kosovo territory. Any such action will be carried out under the supervision of the Soviet military mission in coordination with the aid of other committees in Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary, to be established by the Cominform.
- 5. The present leadership of the Albanian Communist Party includes: Enver Hoxha, president of Albania; Manus Mufat, President of the National Assembly; and General Temeljko, Minister of National Defense.

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